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TO AMEMBASSY ASUNCION PRIORITY  
INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, PA

SUBJECT: ARREST OF CHRISTIAN TRADE UNIONISTS  
REF: ASUNCION 39 AND 17; BUENOS AIRES 9993

1. YOUR DETAILED REPORTING ON THE ARREST OF THE CHRISTIAN  
TRADE UNIONISTS IS APPRECIATED. THERE ARE INDICATIONS  
THAT NEWS OF THE ARREST IS SPREADING RAPIDLY IN THE CHURCH  
COMMUNITY HERE. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN NEW  
YORK RECEIVED ITS FIRST WORD ABOUT THE ARRESTS THROUGH  
A CHURCH SOURCE IN GUATEMALA.

2. YOUR REPORTING HAS ENABLED THE DESK TO RESPOND TO  
INQUIRIES IN AN INFORMED MANNER. WITHOUT DOUBT THE  
ARRESTS WILL DRAW UNUSUALLY HEAVY ATTENTION BECAUSE OF  
THE CURRENT HUMAN RIGHTS FOCUS ON PARAGUAY.

3. THE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AWAITED.  
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FURTHER REPORTING ON DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY TRANSPIRE IN  
THIS CASE WILL BE APPRECIATED. FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE  
BEEN ASKED WHAT JUDGE WAS ASSIGNED THIS CASE.

4. WE HAVE GIVEN THE NAMES OF THOSE ARRESTED TO THE  
PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY WHICH, AS USUAL, HAS RECEIVED NO NOTICE  
THROUGH GOP CHANNELS. CHRISTOPHER

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